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Governor Musgrove Proclaims “Tim Ford Day” in Mississippi

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed March 25, 2003, as “Tim Ford Day” in Mississippi. Ford is stepping down as Speaker of the House at the end of his current term. He has held the position since 1988.

“I’ve had the honor and the pleasure of working closely with Speaker Ford, as both lieutenant governor and as governor,” said Musgrove. “His commitment to the people of Mississippi, and to the fulfillment of our state’s promise and potential, cannot be denied.”

Ford was first elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1980, and has served as Speaker of the House since 1988. He is the second-longest serving speaker in Mississippi history.

Musgrove issued the proclamation in conjunction with the planting of a magnolia tree on the south lawn of the state capitol in Ford’s honor.

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